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RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

This Response, which is responsive to the Advisory Action mailed March 25, 2003 and final Office Action mailed December 2, 2002, is filed with a Request for Continued Prosecution Application (CPA). Entry of the following remarks and examination of the CPA are respectfully requested.

REMARKS

A check in the amount of \$375.00 for the fee for filing a CPA is enclosed. Any fees that may be due in connection with this application may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1213. If a Petition for extension of time is needed, this paper is to be considered such Petition.

Claims 4 and 11-16 are pending. No amendments to the claims are made herein.

THE REJECTION OF CLAIMS 4, 11-16 UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112, FIRST PARAGRAPH

Claims 4, 11-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, because the specification while allegedly enabling for the use of specific linkers